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DAN RATHER: Soviet espionage efforts in another country, Indonesia, have been thwarted. That government said today it has expelled a Soviet diplomat and arrested a Soviet airline expecutive for spying.

Infiltration by the KGB also has been uncovered in this country, among other places in the General Accounting Office, the congressional watchdog agency.

Mike Wallace, in a follow-up to his report Friday, has more.

MIKE WALLACE: Mr. Sharer, just what is it that you charge has taken place at the General Accounting Office?

RALPH SHARER: It's a Soviet penetration of the GAO.

WALLACE: In 1979, Ralph Sharer was an investigator for the GAO. That May his superiors asked him to look into the activities of a Soviet intelligence agent who had been requesting a large number of GAO reports dealing with defense issues of an extraordinarily sensitive nature.

The name of the Soviet agent?

SHARER: Vladimir Kvasov.

WALLACE: Vladimir Kvasov, a Soviet naval attache, was, in fact, a KGB agent, who has since returned to the Soviet Union. Copies of his request forms reveal Kvasov asked for almost 150 GAO reports, 26 of which were classified, and at least five of which Sharer says the GAO gave to Kvasov. What were those five secret